(c) the action proposed to be taken by the Government for the regular supply of cotton to these units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). The mills of National Textile Corporation in Rajasthan require 140 bales per day which are adequately covered.

Salaries and other facilities to judges in Supreme Court and other Courts

2843. SHRI DILEEP BHAI SANGHANI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the salaries and other facilities of the judges of the Supreme Court and other *courts; and*

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The pursuance of proposals asponsored by the Chief Justice of India, the Government has issued orders enhancing the Daily Allowance payable on tour and enhancement in the limits for free furnishings in the case of judges of the High Courts and Supreme Court and enhancement in the ceilings for electricity and water charges at the official residence and postretiral benefits in the case of judges of the Supreme Court. As regards the question of enhancement in the pay scales of the Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts, the Conference of Chief Justices in their meeting held during 30th August to 1st September, 91 passed a Resolution proposing such an enhancement. No decision has yet been taken on this suggestion.

[*English*]

Changes in Shipping Policy

2844. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU: SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to make changes in the shipping policy to encourage the Indian Shipping Companies; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The salient features may include relaxation in licensing to Indian Shipping Companies to operate on selected liner routes; *Grant of freedom of Shipowners for sale of* ships and for application of sale proceeds, after meeting outstanding foreign exchange *liabilities, for acquiring new* ships; encouragement to *medium* sized shipyards to export fishing trawlers and smaller scrafts; promotion of ship building; liberalisation of procedures for acquisition of vessels; encouragement to cross border leasing of vessels; grant of permission to shipowners to mortgage ships abroad to raise foreign exchange resources etc.

Working Group on Credit Requirements of Industries in Punjab

2845. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has constituted a high level working group to